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Cordova
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District

P.O. Box 280
612 2nd Street
Cordova, AK 99574

File Code: 2720

Date: June 11, 2012

Heli-ski Operators

To Prospective Proponents:

There has been a significant amount of interest in commercial heli-ski use on the Cordova Ranger District in recent years. We have determined the interest is sufficient to justify the development of the enclosed prospectus. If you are interested in obtaining a commercial heli-ski permit for the 2013 and 2014, please review, complete the prospectus and return to:

Cordova Ranger District
Attn: Dede Srb
P.O. Box 280
Cordova, AK, 99574

Or e-mail to: dsrb@fs.fed.us

Proposals must be received by mail or email by 5:00 p.m. on **July, 27 2012**. Proposals received after that deadline will not be accepted.

The area to be considered is within the central zone of the Cordova Ranger District, Chugach National Forest and is generally bordered by the Allen Glacier to the north, the Copper River to the east, Prince William Sound to the south and Simpson Creek on the west.

Heli-skiing within this area is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The successful recipient of the prospectus will be required to prepare the environmental analysis necessary to comply with the NEPA process. The results of the environmental analysis will be used to determine whether heli-skiing will be permitted within this area and, if so, what terms, conditions or mitigations would be required.

For your convenience we have included Appendix E (Forest Service Form 6500-24, Financial Statement) within the prospectus package.

Each proposal will be reviewed by an evaluation team from the Chugach National Forest.

If you have questions or comments, contact Dede Srb (424-4726) or Bob Behrends (424-4729). We appreciate your interest and look forward to seeing your proposal.

Sincerely,

TERESA M. BENSON
Cordova District Ranger

